



ATTACHMENT A Remarks

The personal interview with Examiner Muralidar held on December 11, 2007, and the telephone interview held on January 22, 2008, are gratefully acknowledged. The courtesy and cooperative spirit shown by the Examiner in connection with these interviews is much appreciated. The interviews centered around the rejection on prior art and the patentability of certain independent claims. The substance of the discussion at the interview and the remarks which follow.

In the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith the claims have been amended to bring the claims in line with one of the claims discussed with the Examiner wherein the primary unit includes at least one attaching element for temporarily releasably attaching at least two portable electrical or electronic devices of different types to the primary unit such that the at least two devices are simultaneously held on or in proximity to a power transfer surface and wherein the at least two devices of different types simultaneously receive power inductively from the inductive power supply . It is noted that because the subject matter being claimed here does not immediately lend itself to claims directed to a portable electrical or electronic device, in order to retain independent claims in the portable device category, the relevant independent claim (claims 42 and 93) have been amended in accordance with another claim discussed with the Examiner, and taking in to account the comments of the Examiner regarding this claim. This will be discussed in more detail below.

Turning to a more specific consideration of the matters discussed above, independent claims 17 (primary unit), 32 (system), 61 (primary unit), 72 (primary unit), 84 (system) and 96 (primary unit) have been amended as discussed above. In addition, a number of amendments have been made in the dependent claims so that these claims are consistent with the amended independent claims. Dependent claims 36, 37, 88, and 89 have been canceled because the recited features are now effectively incorporated into the corresponding independent claims as amended.

With respect to independent claims 42 and 93 mentioned above, both of these claims have been amended to recite that the claimed at least one attaching element

comprises "suckers, or a self-adhesive or rubbery surface disposed on the power transfer surface." This language, inter alia, distinguishes the invention as claimed in these claims from the use of VELCRO®.

For the sake of completeness, support for the amendments made to independent claims 17, 32, 61, 72, 84 and 96 can be found in the original description at Page 2, line 8 ("the ability to simultaneously recharge multiple units"), at Page 5, line 10, ("the charging unit is capable of charging multiple devices simultaneously") and at Page 9, line 32 to Page 10, line 5 in reference to original Figure 2. Further support is found in the original Figure 2 itself, and in claim 37 as currently on file. It is clear from original Figure 2 and the related description in the specification that the charging unit is capable not only of charging multiple devices simultaneously, but also of retaining those devices simultaneously. With respect to the recharging of devices of different types on the same, support is found in the original description at Page 2, line 9 ("recharge devices of different types on the same recharger").

In a similar manner, support for the amendments made to independent claims 42 and 93 is found in the original specification at Page 5, lines 14-19.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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